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1. THE ARMED FORCES PAY REVIEW WAS PUBLISHED TODAY. THE REVIEW NOTED THAT SERVICEMEN'S PAY HAD FALLEN BEHIND BY BETWEEN 30 AND 37.5 PERCENT. PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN TOLD THE COMMONS TODAY THAT THE GOVERNMENT ACCEPTED THE FINDINGS OF THE ARMED FORCES PAY REVIEW BODY AND HENCE BRITAIN'S ARMED FORCES ARE TO GET A 14 PERCENT PAY RISE MADE UP OF A 10 PERCENT INCREASE IN MILITARY SALARY WITH 3 PERCENT FOR THE "X FACTOR" AND AN ADDITIONAL ONE PERCENT INCREASE IN ALLOWANCES AND CHARGES.

2. THE PRIME MINISTER, IN ACCEPTING THE FINDINGS OF THE REVIEW BODY, SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD PHASE IN ITS FULL RECOMMENDATIONS AVERAGING A 32 PERCENT RISE OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS. CALLAGHAN SAID THAT THESE ARRANGEMENTS SECURE FOR THE ARMED FORCES "A FIRM
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ASSURANCE ABOUT THEIR FUTURE CONDITIONS OF SERVICE." MRS. THATCHER, FOR THE OPPOSITION, ACCUSED THE GOVERNMENT OF HAVING "FAILED LAMENTABLY" TO PROVIDE THE LEVELS OF PAY THE SERVICES NEED AND DESERVE. MRS. THATCHER PLEDGED THAT A CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENT WOULD RESTORE COMPARABILITY AND RESTORE IT "MORE QUICKLY." FOR THE LIBERALS, EMLYN HOOSON SAID THE COUNTRY WOULD ACCEPT

THE PAY DEAL EVEN THOUGH "IT WAS WELL ABOVE THE L0
PERCENT GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES."
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